THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN FIRE PERIL DAILY

FOUND 1,173 FIRE TRAPS; "HIDEOUS AND DAMNABLE," SAYS MISS LILLIAN WALD

Nurses' Settlement Head Describes Conditions as Intolerable in Factory Buildings Employing Thousands of Young Girls-Many Have No Fire-Escapes at All.

"Hideous and damable," was how Miss Lillian D. Wald, a member of the Joint Board of Sanitary Control of the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Trade and head of the Nurses' Settlement, described conditions in the big factories and shops in New York City, to an Evening World reporter who interviewed her this morning at her headquarters, No. 265 Henry street.

minates in small area. Windows and doors at first floor are fron barred. Portion of floor of first balcony re-

No Fire-Escapes-Windows Barred. No. 55 East Elighth street-Windows to

No. 63 East Eighth street-Fire escape

No. 29 Division street-Floors of bal-

conies made of wooden slats; windows

building—No drop ladders.

No. 55 Pitt street, seven-story loft building—No drop ladders. Court closed. Halconies obstructed by boxes and rubbles.

Windows Iron.

He the ones that could be opened are

"To be sure, these do not represent all of the flagrant violations of the Huild-tur Laws that a thorough investigation

of the shope and lotts in this city would reveal. They represent only some of the first-traps we discovered in the course of our twentiering.

Dr. Moskowitz and Mos Wald agreed

in characterizing the fire-escape regula-tions as about. "The law provides that there shall be a fire-escape nothing more just one

e street again.
"The most dangerous buildings of
I," continued Dr. M. kowitz, "are the
niverted buildings buildings which

ave been made over from residence

"Let me impress this on you," he con-

dequately projected nor do we wish to convey the improvement that they are if We mean only that they have onformed with the law limit of the

The Labor law also provides that all

fire escapes fron barred.

In 1.13 shops we found the entrances [building-Fire-escape on rear wall terand exits barred by heavy doors, swinging is, and in twenty-three shops these doors were locked during the time the moved. Balconies obstructed. Exits employees were at work. Our investigation, which was finished only about a being 24 by 26 inches.

Week uso, and extended over a period No. 264 Canal street.—Five-story buildof eight weeks, included 1,347 shops. Ing. No drep ladders.
Bear in mind, that these shops were over which we have jurisdiction.

Conditions Appalling.

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No. 28 Waverley place—Eleven-story
"It stands to reason that of the conloft huiding—No fire escapes. where the employers are making a con- ends in rear area, from which there is scientious effort to improve the condi- no escape. tions surrounding their workpeople, and No. 231 Mercer street-Six-atory loft which is the most thoroughly and pow-building-Fire escapes end at second erfully organized of all the trailes, these floor. No drop ladders. Court in rear is conditions obtain, the conditions in the closed and there is no means of escapother industries, where working people ing from it in case of fire. are unorganized and therefore helpless, must be appalling indeed.

"Where does the responsibility for these conditions rest? That is the main trouble. The responsibility rests nowhere—it is divided. The Fire Depart- No direct fire escape leading from shop ment may make recommendations, the at rear of third story.

Rear Labor Department may make No. 207 East One Hundred and Tenth recommendations, but the final author- street, two-story loft building-No fire ity rests with the Department of escapes. Rear windows iron barred.
Buildings, which may or may not en- Nos. 129-141 Spring street, seven-story Buildings, which may or may force these recommendations, as it sees loft building Single fire escape in rear nt."

"On March 2! the Joint Board sent to the Mayor, the Police and the Building Departments a list of buildings No 79 East Tenth street—Opening to where the building laws were being fire escape is only 17x38 inches, and is where the building laws with most flagrantly violated, and where the lives and limbs of thousands of men.

No. 182 Surfolk street, five-stery loft No. 182 Surfolk street, five-stery loft with the lives and limbs of thousands of men. buys and girls, mostly girls, employed building—Drop ladder hangs at balcony in them, were in constant danger. in building—Drop ladder hangs at balcony in them, were in constant danger. in building—Drop ladder hangs at balcony in them. Were in constant danger. No. 84 Fersyth stret, five-story loft tary of the Board of Sanitary Control, who was Briening to Miss Wald's

Another Case In Point.

"It might be well to begin this list bish. by mentioning No. Il Washington place, the eleven-story building which immediately adjoins the building where Sat-

are the consequences might be called the collar and a closed court or leading into a court. In case a fire level with the cellar and a closed court or leading into a court. The case a fire level with the cellar all windows aried there the consequences might be consequences might be consequenced are consequenced as a court are from cellar to said court are from barred. nor leading into a court. In case a fire equally as tragle as were those next oor.

"Our inspection revealed five elements of danger:

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1-No tire escapes.

fire escape landing on the first floor to line No. the street. "3-Fire escapes terminating in court-

Barred windows, like the windows of prison cells.

"5—Fire-proof buildings, whose skeletons would not burn, but which might
be transformed into blast-furnaces in a

terminates in a court yard.

No. 75 East Broadway, four-story
and basement building—Fire-escapes
terminates on account floor.

be transformed into blast-furnaces in a terminate on second floor.

The late Rev. Thomas J. Ducey of WASHINGTON, March 27.—Countess twinkling, devouring the hundreds of ladder.

No. 19-23 East Broadway—No drop in debt at the time of his death, actually a continue of the forman Ambassador cording to the fload accounting of his and Countess you terminate was mar-

No. 51 East Broadway-Four-story

second floor, from which there is no escape in case of fire. Breadway-Five-stor.

building-Drop & law terminates rear area and windows to cellar from

on year of building has drop ladder bong on balance as Fourth story and a usaless. Door busing from abops t No. 30 Suffoils street-Six-story loft

Japan has taught every nation of the earth a lesson—that of preparing for a step before it is taken. A fire in a modern altywaraning tof the building instead of preving a means of estivation, it would prove an added source of danger. A should bre-excape niled with panic strikers, with then and women scrambling, clawing, fighting—to be the strike of the contemplate and the step before it is taken.

"What we need is a fire escape rule which shall take into consideration the size of the building and the number of persons employed in it." added for Moshowitz. "And there cusht to be shop drills and drill leaders, competent, level headed, intelligent persons.

"Why, in most of the factories we inspected the working peeple didn't know the location of the elevators and exits. All they knew was the road leading to their machines and out into the street again. step before it is taken. Before you start out to find a

position, a worker, a home, an investment, a business enterprise, a

bargain, &c., Pave The Way!

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OTHER newspaper on earth. S.617 Blazed Pathways to success by Advertising in Yesterday's Sunday World

Facts of the Fire Horror Discovered by Marshal Beers

The fire was caused by a cigarette or match thrown into a pile of flimsy lawn material.

The time was 4.40.

A man and a boy attempted to put out the blaze with hose and no alarm was turned in until 4.45.

The 700 or more girl operators for Harris & Blanck at almost back to back on stools at their machines.

When panic seized the girls the passages to the doors were tangled with stools and goods, and the frenzied victims fell over these, preventing escape.

It would have taken three hours to empty the three floors of the workroom by the single, narrow and flimsy fire-escape, even if it had been strong enough.

The doors to the stairway were locked and across one was a heavy iron bar. They opened inward, and in front of one forty bodies were found.

"The same conditions prevail in practically all loft buildings used for factory purposes in this city," is Marshal Beers's comment.

The Court of Appeals has refused to permit the formation of a bureau to prevent loss of life at such fires and to force new laws to safeguard factory workers against similar

outward 'when practical. These two words 'when practical' serve to vitiate his important provision of the law."

Letter to the Mayor.

The following is a copy of the letter sent by the joint-board to the Mayor:

New York, March 2l.

Hon. William J. Gayner, Diayor,

City Hall, New York:

Dear Sir-A careful investigation on the part of the Joint Board of Sanitary Control of the Cleak and Suit Industry of this city has revealed that a considerable number of the cloak and suit factories of this the cloak and suit factories of this city are located in shops which are violating the Building Laws in refer-ence to fire procedion. We are taking the liberty to enclose herein a list of such shops, with a detailed statement as to the exact conditions with refererence to fire protection as found by our chief inspector. A copy of this list was sent to the Building. Fire

and Police Departments.

Realizing your concern in the efficient administration of city departments we have taken the liberty of informing you of these conditions.

Very truly yours.

HENRY MOSKOWIT%, Secretary.

Dr. Moskowitz declined to make the Mayor's reply public. "All I care to say is that it was signed by Executive Secretary Meloney, and was a courteous and fair reply," he cald. "In reply to a similar letter sent to

Superintendent Miller of the Building Department, the following answer was received two days before Saturday's Nos. 18 and 22 West Eighteenth street, eleven-story left building-Fire escapes disaster.

New York, March 22, 1911.

Dear Sir: Your letter addressed to
the superintendent calling attention to premises where clock and suit factories are heated which are lack-ing fire protection has been received and I big to thatik y . for sending

this list.
Inspection of the various premises mentioned will be made at once and a report on same will be sent to you. Yours truly,
IJANIEL SULLIVAN.

Secretary to Superintendent

No. 1 West Fourienth street, three-story building.—No fire escapes. No. 21 Washington place, eight-story building.—No fire escapes. No. 124 Prince street.—Fire-escape Bequest.

The late Rev. Thomas J. Ducey of

JACKSONVILLE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE-Maiden two-year-olds; our furiouss.-Worth, Ill (Goose), 6 to 2 to 4 and 8 to 5, first; Eaton, 118 Troxier), 2 to 5, even and I to 2, second; Minco Jiamy, 118 (Fain), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 0.49 2-5, hads Palms, W. H. Ford, Pliant, Molesant Coletter, Sauce, Ablan, Firhal, Little Marian also ran and finished as named.

JACKSONVILLE ENTRIES. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 27.

The entries for to-morrow's races are

SECOND RACE Selling three-pear-oble, six gravings Alfachema, 69; Edna Collina, 69; sugar Luma, 102; Coletta, 102; Dunish Gir, Ger Allander Quaen, 102; Oriera, 102; Der-legar 107; Decelvable, 100; Splanters, 112; Klug Pia, 12; THIRD RACE—Purse; four-year-oids and up-seed five and one-laif furdous,—J. H. Barr, 110; Gerando, 101; Judge Lassing, 101; Alex-tin, Frank Pursell, 104; Kinglish, 104; G. M. Miller, 104; Sandr Hill, 105; Hiram, 105; John Marrs, 105; Judy Nunnaily, 105; Baryah, 108; Allowmans, 105. Miller, 104, Sandy 1011, 1955, Hirata, 105, John Marrs, 105, Java Numariy, 105, Baryand, 108, Allowmater, 105, Java Numariy, 105, Baryand, 108, Allowmater, 105, Java Numariy, 105, Baryand, 108, POLYTTI HACE, Scilling; four-year-olds and reward; seven furions;—0. E. Herridon, 105, Pripo, 107, Louis, Red. 107; Emily Lee, 102, Scilling, 106, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 108, Alemain, 105, Laya University, 107, Baryal Cara, 107, Mark Anthony II, 110, Deces Parade II, 110, Learnence P. Baler, 110, Anstein, 105, Baryal Cara, 107, Mark Anthony II, 110, Deces Parade II, 110, Learnence P. Baler, 110, Anstein, Stuyessant, 110; Re Barzler, 110, Tackle, 116, Ben Howe, 110, Warden, 110, Alex eligible to start in color unused should any declare Pres, Over, Standissand, Sandy Markand, 107, First People, 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Sandy 107, Howelman, 107, Howelman, 107, Howelman, 108, Sandy 11, 108,

Denotes five pounds apprentice

FATHER DUCEY'S DEBTS PAID TAFT AT EMBASSY WEDDING One Friend Made Good a Special Sees Countess Von Bernstorff Wed to Prince Pourtales.

WASHINGTON, March 27.-Countess "Here is the list of buildings complained of mour recent correspondence with the Mayor, Fire Department, Police Department and Building Department. No. 25 Cannon street, No. 26 Canni street, No. 25 Waverley place, No. 25 Waverley

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SENDS SYMPATHY FOR THE AFFLICTED.

CHICAGO, March 27,-Mayor Fred / Mayor Gaynor of New York to-day: "The people of Chicago extend to on and through you to the people of New York their deepest sympathy in has fallen upon your city.

\$10,000 HEART BALM DENIED MISS GOTTLIEB.

Miss Anna Gordion, the pretty soung stenographer who sued Abraham A. Levy for breach of promise of marilm she sought before Justice Cerand day. It took the jury only a short time o find a verdict in favor of the defend-

Girl Struck by Broadway Car.

While crossing Broadway at Twelfth street to-lay on her way to work, Mollie Tirsy, a sixteen-year-old cloak, maker of No. 57 Lewis street, was struck and knocked down by a southbound Broadway car. She was taken to one chamber empty was afterward found in a drawer under a pile of the Detective Bareas refused to be level it and ordered the banker so though the fact that a revolver with the private and the Coroner sint to must be a safe. The police think the banker was missing.

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BANKER SHUT DEAD AND BAG OF GOLD STOLEN BY SLAYER

Jules Debroszsky Found Dying From Bullet by Early

Morning Customer.

and a jury in the Supreme Court to- er who conducted a money exchange at banker had placed the gold. The lay, it took the jury only a short time. No. 2 Avenue B, was shot through the drawer had been ripped open and the stomach and killed as he sat in his bag containing the money was missing private office at about 8 o'clock to-day. Though Coroner Hallenstein turned in

papers led them to admit he might have killed himself.

Mrs. Gabor Barkosy of No. 116 East

Taird street found the body. She ran to Deutch Brothers' Bank at No. 309 East Houston street, which is just around the corner.

A clerk from Deutch Brothers re-turned with the woman and shook De-broszsky. The banker was still alive, but could not speak. The clerk saw a drawer half open. There was no pistol tan street, a very narrow thoroughfare, about. At this moment in walked Stephen Berczelly, Deprayant of the street two phen Berczelly, Deprayant of the street two pens depressing the street two pens depre phen Berczelly, Debroszsky's confidentlai clerk.

"He has been robbed and killed!" exclaimed the clerk. "He was happy when we left last night. I was afraid

some one would do it."

A search was then made for the deposits of gold left by the old banker in the heavy deak last night. Berezelly Jules Debroszsky, a Hungarian bank- the bank meantime, where so and the THIEVES GET HIS WATCH

Schwartz Held Up Near Union Market Station and School,

Marcus Schwartz of No. 227 Lewis street was held up this afternoon a block away from the Union Market Station and robbed of a gold watch and chain. The thieves escaped.

and when he heared third street two
men jumped, from a doorway and
pounced upon him. If the robbery had
occurred a few minutes laker it would
have been witnessed by the pupils of
Public School No. 188, the largest in the



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